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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Ernest "Ernie" Bartholomew, Jr. of Arthur, who passed away on August 19, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Ernest Bartholomew, Jr. was born on August 11, 1932 in Casey; his parents were Ernest Sr. and Flossie Elliott Bartholomew; he married Patricia Beth Ulrey in Casey on September 21, 1954; and

WHEREAS, Ernest Bartholomew, Jr. graduated from Casey High School in 1951; he subsequently served his country as a member of the United States Air Force in 1952 until 1956, spending 18 months in Korea during the Korean War; he and his wife then moved to Arthur in 1957; and

WHEREAS, Ernest Bartholomew, Jr. was employed by Petro/USI Chemical Company in Tuscola for 35 years until his retirement as supervisor in 1992; and

WHEREAS, Ernest Bartholomew, Jr. was involved in Douglas County politics and government; he served as a Bourbon Township Trustee and Tax Assessor for over 25 years; he served on the Douglas County Board, having served from 1992 to 2000, including 2 years as board chairman; he was reappointed to the

1 County Board in 2011 and elected to a full 4-year term in 2012;  
2 he also served on the Douglas County Sheriff's Department Merit  
3 Commission and the Douglas County Crime Stoppers and served as  
4 a Republican Precinct Committeeman; and

5 WHEREAS, Ernest Bartholomew, Jr. retired from the Arthur  
6 Volunteer Fire Department after 20 years of service; he was a  
7 50-year member of the Arthur Veterans of Foreign Wars and the  
8 American Legion and was a current commander; he was also a  
9 50-year member of the Masonic Lodge, Danville Scottish Rite,  
10 Ansar Shrine, and founding member of the Tri-County Shrine  
11 Club, the Arthur Lions Club, and the Order of the Eastern Star;  
12 he was a member of the Arthur United Methodist Church for over  
13 50 years, where he served on several committees; he also  
14 dedicated many years of service to the Moultrie-Douglas County  
15 Fair, serving as Superintendent of the horse pulling contest  
16 and working on demolition derby and tractor pull, and served as  
17 a fair board director from 1984 to 2000; and

18 WHEREAS, Ernest Bartholomew, Jr. was preceded in death by  
19 his parents and his sister and brother-in-law, Iwana and  
20 Burnell Runkel; and

21 WHEREAS, Ernest Bartholomew, Jr. is survived by his wife,  
22 Patricia Beth Bartholomew; 2 sons, David (Gemma) Bartholomew  
23 and Mark (Terrie) Bartholomew; 2 grandsons, Zachary and Colten

1 Bartholomew; his step-granddaughter, Eleanor McKee-Volkmer;  
2 several nieces and nephews; and many great-nieces and  
3 great-nephews; therefore, be it

4       RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL  
5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his  
6 family and friends, mourn the passing of Ernest "Ernie"  
7 Bartholomew, Jr.; and be it further

8       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
9 presented to the family of Ernest Bartholomew, Jr. as an  
10 expression of our sympathy.